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Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly at the request of the United Republic of Tanzania.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 11th and 25th meetings, on 21 October and 5 November 2008. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/63/SR.11 and 25).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 19 June 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/63/141).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3

5. At the 11th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of Angola, Benin, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa, the Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Madagascar and Mali, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/63/L.3).

6. At its 25th meeting, on 5 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.3 without a vote (see para. 7).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the South Centre in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the South Centre,

1. *Decides* to invite the South Centre to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.